

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County", said new section to be added to the Charter of the Town of Bladensburg, as said Charter was enacted by Chapter 341 of the Acts of 1947, to be known as Section 57D, to follow immediately after Section 57C thereof, and to be under the sub-title "Bladensburg", and to read as follows:*

*57D. In addition to all other powers of taxation vested in the Mayor and Town Council, it shall be authorized and empowered to levy a special tax upon property within the Town of Bladensburg, in order to provide land and buildings, or either of them, for any lawful municipal purposes. The proceeds of such tax may be expended directly upon such land and buildings, or such proceeds may be applied to pay the interest as it comes due and to redeem the principal on any bonds, notes or other certificates of indebtedness issued to provide immediate funds for such land and buildings. The Mayor and Town Council is authorized and empowered to issue such bonds, notes or other certificates of indebtedness, and to borrow such money, subject to such rate of interest and other terms and conditions as to the said Mayor and Town Council seem proper; and such authority to issue bonds, notes or other certificates of indebtedness, and to borrow money, shall be in addition to all other such powers vested in the said Mayor and Town Council. Any such special tax or taxes shall not be imposed at any one time in the aggregate in excess of TEN cents on the One Hundred Dollars of assessed valuation. Any ordinance or resolution to impose such a tax or taxes shall be effective only if it has first been submitted to a referendum of the voters of the Town, at any regular or special election therein. The Mayor and Town Council shall give at least two weeks' notice to said voters, of the submission of any such question, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town. The ballots or ballot labels shall contain a brief summary of the amount and purposes of the proposed tax, with the words "For the proposed tax", and "Against the proposed tax". If a majority of the persons voting on said question vote "For the proposed tax", the Mayor shall so proclaim publicly, and the said ordinance or resolution shall thereupon be effective and in force, according to its terms. If a majority of the persons voting on said question vote "Against the proposed tax", the Mayor shall so proclaim, and the said ordinance or resolution shall thereupon be null and void, and of no further force or effect.*